

memorandum

DATE: October 22, 1979

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Chief, EHSB

SUBJECT: Salt River Landfill

SFUND RECORDS CTR
2390586TO: Service Unit Sanitarian
Phoenix Service Unit.

During our recent site visit at the Salt River Landfill, we noted several operational conditions which could be corrected immediately to provide for a more effective landfill operation.

The following operational problems are listed below:

1. Roadside litter is becoming somewhat of a problem on the roads leading into the landfill.

Recommendation

That Tribal crews clean up roadside litter to reduce the possibility of citizen complaints.

2. Better control of traffic is needed at the main entrance gate to the landfill.

Recommendation

It is suggested that a traffic control fence be installed on each side of the scale building to require all traffic to enter the landfill through a main entrance gate.

3. A sign indicating the name of the landfill, hours of operation, rates, etc., was not provided at the entrance to the landfill.

Recommendation

That a sign be located on the control fence at the landfill entrance to provide necessary information to people utilizing the landfill.

4. It appeared that a larger than necessary working surface was being utilized, making it difficult to keep up with the compaction and covering operation.



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Recommendation

That the size of the working surface be kept at a minimum to provide for a more efficient operation.

5. An employee or control fencing to direct traffic within the landfill site, to keep the working surface small, was not provided.

Recommendation

That an employee, or portable control fencing, be provided to spot dumping locations for all refuse dumping in order to better control the working surface of the landfill.

6. Cover material was being hauled at a great distance from the landfill site. This practice does not appear to be too cost effective.

Recommendation

To reduce operating cost and provide sufficient cover material, efforts should be made to obtain cover material from a site nearby the operating landfill.

7. It appeared that the compaction and covering operation was running behind schedule and a large area of solid waste material was being left uncovered at the end of the day's operation.

Recommendation


To assure that all solid waste materials are compacted and covered at the end of each day's operation, it may be necessary to operate the equipment extra hours after the landfill has been closed for the day.

8. A map showing the location of present and proposed solid waste operations is not being maintained.

Recommendation

That the Tribe maintain a map showing the present location of the landfill operation and location of future sites.

Your assistance in discussing these items with the Tribe will be appreciated.


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